

In re Application of Arnold et al.
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IN THE CLAIMS

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) A method for controlling airflow through an inflatable device having two or more inlet ports for admitting airflow into the device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a planar plug;

placing the planar plug in an inlet port and retaining the plug in the inlet port;

introducing an airflow into the device through another inlet port; and

the planar plug restricting egress of the airflow through the ~~other~~ inlet port.

35. (Currently amended) An apparatus for warming a person, comprising:

an inflatable cover for disposition on a portion of a person's body;

two inlet ports in the inflatable cover;

each inlet port including a planar sheet of flexible material attached to the inflatable cover and a hole through the sheet; and

a plug removably received in at least one port of the two ports.

36. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 35, the plug including:

a planar central body; and,

a plurality of extensions coplanar with the central body and which extend from the central body, at least two of which are receivable in the one port.

37. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions is curved.

38-39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein at least one of the extensions is formed from a resilient material.

41-43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the plug is a plastic material.

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45. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the plug is a wood pulp material.

46. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein the plurality of extensions includes an even number of opposing extensions.

47. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 46 wherein the plurality of extensions includes two pairs of opposing extensions.

48-53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the inflatable cover is for transverse disposition across the chest of a person's body.

55-56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~56~~ 35, the plug including:
a planar central body; and,
a plurality of extensions coplanar with the central body and which extend from the central body, at least two of which are receivable in the hole of the first sheet inlet port and in the hole of the second ~~sheet~~ inlet port.

58. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions is curved.

59-60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein at least one of the extensions is formed from a resilient material.

62-64. (Canceled)

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65. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the plug is a plastic material.

66. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the plug is a wood pulp material.

67. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein the plurality of extensions includes an even number of opposing extensions.

68. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 67 wherein the plurality of extensions includes two pairs of opposing extensions.

69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the inflatable cover is for transverse disposition across the chest of a person's body.

71. (Canceled)